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**Applicant: Gregory Owen Miller et al.**  
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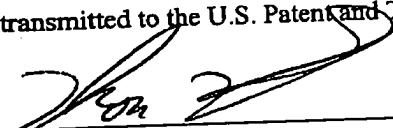
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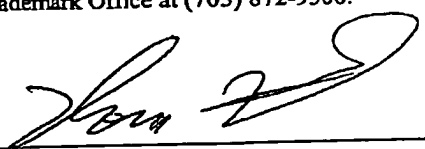
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(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

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_____ Fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
_____ Fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

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OR

- (b)   X   Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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	MINUS			x \$43 = \$		x \$86 = \$
				+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$
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OR

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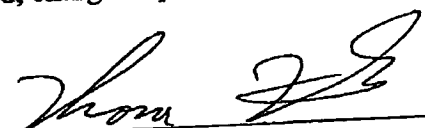
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In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004, and made final, please amend the above-identified application as follows: